

## Jesus Proclaimed Lord And Christ

Acts 2:22-36

Part 4

**2:22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you [Jews] by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him [Christ] in your midst, just as you yourselves know-**

- “Men of Israel” - See Acts 2:14 “Men of Judea, and all who live in Jerusalem”
  - “Therefore let all the house of Israel..” (Acts 2:36).
1. Definition of terms
    - a. The Greek "dunamis" [**do**o nah mis] means "miracles, mighty works."
    - b. The Greek "teras" [**teh** rahs] means "wonders." They may be called “wonders” because of the effects they elicited.
    - c. The Greek "semeion" [say **may** ahn] means "signs."
  2. It is impossible, with certainty, to make a clear distinction in these terms. All describe the same phenomena - miracles of Jesus.
  3. The Jewish audience could not deny the miracles of Jesus they had witnessed.
  4. Even His enemies did not deny them, but claimed He performed miracles by the power of the devil.
  5. There is no evidence that the majority of Jews had this view of Jesus and His miracles.
  6. The words “just as you yourselves know” strongly indicate they did not deny the miracles of Jesus.

**2:23 this Man [Jesus], delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed [not merely tied] to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him [Jesus] to death.**

1. Jesus had been nailed to the cross, and not merely tied to it as some have taught. (Jn. 20:25).

JOH 20:25 The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

COL 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

2. The Jews were responsible for the death of Christ since they had delivered Him to the Romans and requested His death. (Matt.27:25).

MAT 27:25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

3 “godless men” or “lawless men”

- a. Gentiles were not under the Mosaic law, but they were not without law and stood condemned as sinners. (Rom. 3:10, 23).
- b. In Acts 2:23 it referred specifically to the Roman soldiers who brutally nailed Jesus to the cross.

4. The death of Christ was according to the plan and foreknowledge of God. (Eph. 1:4).

5. It was not an accident or an afterthought of God.

**2:24. And God raised Him [Jesus] up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him [Jesus] to be held in its power.**

- “It was impossible” for Jesus to remain in the grave.
- The Almighty God had declared He would raise His Son from the grave, and would not let Him see corruption.

1. Peter quoted Psalms 16:8-11 from the Greek Septuagint that was translated from Hebrew to Greek about 280 B.C..

PSA 16:8 I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

PSA 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely.

PSA 16:10 For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol; Neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

PSA 16:11 Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; In Thy presence is fulness of joy; In Thy right hand there are pleasures forever.

2. David habitually spoke in the first person when prophesying of Christ.

- a. Peter emphasizes David was not speaking of Himself in Psalm 16.
- b. David spoke in the first person for Christ in Psalms 22. (Psa. 22:1,16, 18).

### Psalm 16

**2:25. "For David says of Him [God], 'I was always beholding the Lord in my presence; For He [Christ] is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.**

**2:26. 'Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted [rejoices]; Moreover my flesh also will abide in hope;**

**2:27 Because thou wilt not abandon my soul to hades [Heb. Sheol] Nor allow thy Holy One [Christ] to undergo decay.** The Greek “agalliao” [ah gahl lee ah oh] means “to exult to rejoice exceedingly, be exceeding glad.

1. "hades" means "unseen."

- a. In Greek mythology it referred to "the underworld," that is, the abode of the righteous, and the abode of the wicked.
- b. The Bible used the word differently to refer to the grave or the abode of wicked spirits.
- c. In the Bible the temporary abode of righteous spirits after death is known as "paradise" or "Abraham's bosom" or the “third heaven.” (Lk. 23:43; Lk. 16:19-25; 2 Cor. 12:2,4).

d. It is thought Jesus' "soul" went to "hades" (paradise) and His body was placed in the grave without seeing corruption, but this is not entirely correct.

1) Paradise is not a part of Hades.

2) The word "soul" in this context does not refer to the immortal spirit of Christ, but to His corpse.

2. The Hebrew word "sheol" or the Greek "hades" can also mean "the grave" or "the state of death."

a. The word "soul" can refer to "a dead body." (Num. 6:6). The Hebrew "nephesh" is here translated "dead body."

NUM 6:6 ' All the days of his separation to the Lord he shall not go near to a dead person.

b. The idea is "the dead body" of Jesus did not see corruption.

c. This appears to be an example of Hebrew parallelism.

d. The emphasis of Peter and Paul is on the fact the dead body of Christ did not decay. (Acts 2:31; 13:35-37).

ACT 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

ACT 13:35 "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.'

ACT 13:36 "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay;

ACT 13:37 but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.

3. The word "hades" is never used in a good sense in the New Testament unless Acts 2:27 be the exception. (Matt. 11:23; 16:18; Lk. 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27,31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13).

**2:28 'Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; Thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.'**

### **David's Death And Burial**

**2:29 Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.**

1. Peter emphatically affirmed that David did not fulfill Psalm 16:10.

2. David died and was buried in Jerusalem. His flesh had decayed, and had returned to the dust of the earth.

3. The site of David's tomb was known to virtually every Jew. (1 Kgs. 2:10).

1KI 2:10 Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.

4. David had been king of Israel, 1010-970 B.C..

### **David A Prophet**

**2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet [inspired spokesman], and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne,**

2SA 7:12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

PSA 132:11 The Lord has sworn to David, A truth from which He will not turn back; "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.

1. David was not only a king of Israel, but he was "a prophet."
2. He was inspired in his writings. See Acts 2:31

**2:31. he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to hades [the grave], nor did His flesh suffer decay [see corruption].**

1. By inspiration "he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ."
2. David spoke by the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 22:43; 2 Sam. 23:2).

Matt 22:43 He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

2 Sam 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue."

## **The Testimony Of The Apostles**

Acts 2:32-36

**2:32. "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we [the apostles] are all witnesses.**

1. God raised His Son through the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 1:4; 1 Pet. 3:18).

Rom 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, {the} just for {the} unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; A.S.V. and K.J.V, have "by the Spirit."

2. Jesus had affirmed the apostles would be witnesses. (Acts 1:8).

3. See John 20:20-28

John 20:20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace {be} with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and \*said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:23 "If you forgive the sins of any, {their sins} have been forgiven them; if you retain the {sins} of any, they have been retained."

John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

John 20:26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus \*came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace {be} with you."

John 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put

it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

4. The apostles were not the only witnesses of Christ's resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:5-8).

**2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.**

1. The apostles were promised the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:13; Acts 1:5, 8.)

2. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles - not the multitude.

**2:34. "For it was not David who ascended into heaven [the heavens], but he himself says:**

1. David's corpse was in the grave and had decayed.

2. He had not gone to heaven.

3. No one has gone directly to heaven. (Jn. 3:13).

JOH 3:13 "And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man.

4. Enoch and Elijah did not go to the heaven of heavens, but went to "Abraham's bosom." (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5; 2 Kgs. 2:11).

### **Psalms 110:1**

David predicted the exaltation of the Messiah to the right hand of God.

**'The Lord [God] said to my Lord [Jesus], "Sit [reign] at My right hand,**

1. David's decayed body was still in grave, and his "soul" [corpse] was in hades [the grave]. See Acts 2:29.

2. See Matthew 22:43-46.

MAT 22:43 He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

MAT 22:44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Until I put Thine enemies beneath Thy feet"?"

MAT 22:45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

MAT 22:46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

a. Jesus was much more than a descendant of David.

b. David recognized this by calling Jesus "Lord."

3. Dan. 7:13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days [God the Father] And was presented before Him.

**2:35 Until I [God] make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."**

1. Christ is now reigning at the right hand of God and He will reign until He overcomes His enemies.

2. Christ will overcome His enemies at His second coming. (1 Cor. 15:24-28).

1CO 15:24 then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

1CO 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

1CO 15:26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

1CO 15:27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

1CO 15:28 And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

- a. Paul emphasized Jesus must reign "until He has put all His enemies under His feet."
- b. "The last enemy that will be abolished is death."
- c. As long as Christ has enemies, He is reigning as King.
- d. As long there is death, Christ is reigning as King.
- e. Christ will deliver "the kingdom to the God and Father" after "He has abolished all rule and all authority and power."

**2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel [Jews] know for certain that God has made Him [Jesus] both Lord and Christ [Messiah]-this Jesus whom you crucified."**

- The words "know for certain" have great significance and give Christians great confidence in regard to their faith.
- There is no doubt that Jesus is "both Lord and Christ."
- He is the Ruling Messiah "exalted at the right hand of God." (Acts 2:33).

1. The One they had crucified was now King and was reigning on David's throne at the right hand of God.

2. There is no question that the Jews were responsible for Christ's death.

3. They knew it and did not deny it. (Matt. 27:25).

4. Jesus is now Lord of lords and King of kings, and He is Lord of all. (Rev. 19:16; Acts 10:36).

Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Acts 10:36 "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)"

- a. God has highly exalted His Son and intends that all recognize Him as Lord. (Phil. 2:9-11).

Phil 2:9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Phil 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Phil 2:11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- b. Every one will not confess Him now and be saved.
  - c. The time will come when all will confess Jesus as Lord.
  - d. Only those who live for the Lord in life will be saved. (Matt. 7:21-23).
5. Peter's sermon had a profound effect on the thousands assembled that day as the following verses will reveal.

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